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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of March 21, 2023, through March 26, 2023.

Tuesday

3/21/2023

(1) HEARING DAY

The full Board of Stewards was in attendance this morning to hear case #22LA0233 that was filed against trainer Salvador Naranjo for allegedly working a horse while on the Vet's list and not getting the proper clearance from the Regulatory Veterinarian prior to doing so. In addition to the Stewards, trainer Sal Naranjo was in attendance, along with court reporter Michelle Derieg, who recorded the proceedings. Investigator Stuart Ida presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board. During the course of the hearing, we learned that the horse Studly Perfection was "flagged on the track" in addition to being placed on the Veterinarian's list after the claim was voided approximately five weeks earlier. After listening to all the testimony, the hearing was brought to a close. The Stewards will deliberate the facts of the case and reach a decision later in the week. More to follow...

Wednesday

3/22/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Dave Nuesch will be in attendance this week for morning activities, entries, the draws for both Saturday and Sunday, as well as Panel Reviews for both race-cards this weekend.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for Saturday, restricted to California Bred Maiden two-year-olds going 220 yards, only had two entries early, but once it was "opened up" to all runners, ten more youngsters were entered, allowing for the race to be split.

(3) THE DRAW

In the early evening hours, 61 horses were drawn from the entry box to make up the nine races for Saturday evening. The card features three around-the-turn races, three two-year-old Quarter Horse races, and is highlighted by the Los Alamitos Oaks, going 400 yards for a purse of \$461,500.

Thursday
3/23/2023

(1) SCRATCH TIME

Scratch time for Saturday's card consisted of two jockey changes and two equipment changes.

(2) PANEL MEETING

The Los Alamitos Entry Panel met to review and discuss the horses in Saturday evening's races. No runners were found to be ineligible, however, several runners made the "watch list" necessitating additional veterinary checks this morning.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for Sunday, a California Bred Maiden race for two-year-olds, going 220 yards, was once again "opened up" to all runners and ultimately went as the 7th race on the card.

(4) THE DRAW

At approximately 6:00pm, just 59 horses were drawn from the entry box to make up the nine races for Sunday evening's card, comprised of five around-the-turn races, and four Quarter Horse races, featuring the El Primero Del Ano Derby, going 400 yards, with a purse of \$195,200.

Friday
3/24/2023

(5) SCRATCH TIME

Scratch time for Sunday 3/26/2023 had just two jockey changes to note.

(6) PANEL MEETING

The Los Alamitos Entry Panel met once again to review and discuss the horses for Sunday evening's races, where three runners were found to be ineligible. In addition, multiple horses made the "watch list" again today, so additional veterinary checks will be done on those runners this morning.

Saturday
3/25/2023

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jose Nicasio was asked to come into our office to review his ride in last Sunday's ninth race where his mount drifted out during its victorious run through the stretch. Though he did not cause any direct interference with any of his rivals, we cautioned that he was on the borderline of being careless and needed to make a better effort going forward. Mr. Nicasio left with just a warning.

(2) CROP RULING

Jockey Barrington Harvey also came into our office to review his ride in last Sunday's first race where he appeared to violate CHRB rule #1688 (use of the riding crop). Though Mr. Harvey first expressed confusion over when he is riding under the CHRB crop rule or when he's under the HISA crop rule, he ultimately accepted responsibility for his actions and the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 27

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (APRIL 1ST, 2ND, AND 8TH, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP - STRIKING MOUNT WITH CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION) WHILE RIDING MET AT THE DANCE IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 19, 2023.

(3) NARANJO RULING (REF:3/21/23¹)

After deliberating all the facts heard in the Naranjo hearing on Tuesday, the Stewards came to a decision, and issued the following ruling.

Ruling # 28

TRAINER SALVADOR NARANJO IS SUSPENDED FOR TEN CALENDAR DAYS (APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 10, 2023) AND FINED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1866 (f)(1) (VETERINARIANS LIST – WORKING A HORSE ON THE VETERINARIANS LIST WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE REGULATORY VETERINARIAN).

(4) CLEAR NIGHT OF RACING

Tonight's nine race card, which included three fields of well-behaved Quarter Horse two-year-olds, was conducted smoothly, with no notable incidents.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #3 Arrivederci Roma (tr. G. Vallejo) scratched (Stewards-entered back) Refund \$67.80

7th Race #2 JRS Tempting Cartel (tr. J. Flores) scratched (Vet-injured-Dr. Fitzgerald) Refund \$77.90

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	712	\$109,987.20
Off track	1,143	\$312,709.20
Out of state	N/A	\$1,175,167.65
Total	1,855	\$1,597,864.05

Sunday
3/26/2023

(1) CROP RULING

After being found to have violated the crop rule in yesterday's sixth race, jockey Erasmo Gasca was issued the following ruling.

Ruling # 29

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING REALLY A FAVORITE IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 25, 2023.

(2) NO SHOW WAGERING

With two scratches in each of the first, second, and fifth races tonight, all three fields were reduced to just four runners each, resulting in the cancelation of show wagering in all three events.

(3) INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of tonight's ninth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review two incidents shortly after the start. The first incident involved #8 Revenant Inside (jockey Armando Cervantes) breaking outward, then shifting inward, impeding the two runners to his inside (#7 Price Fixer and #6 Chickititas Cartel). The second incident found #1 Chester Carlson (jockey Jonathan Roman) drifting outward and getting into the path of #2 Fire Pit. After reviewing all the angles of the race, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #8 Revenant Inside and place him behind #7 Price Fixer. Though #6 Chickititas Cartel was also involved in the incident, the Stewards did not feel that rival was cost an opportunity at a better placing. The Stewards came to the same conclusion about the incident to the inside, feeling that #2 Fire Pit was not cost an opportunity at a better placing by the actions of #1 Chester Carlson.

Original order of finish: 4-9-3-5-~~8~~-10-1-7-2-6

Official order of finish: 4-9-3-5-10-1-7-~~8~~-2-6

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #4 Dorita's Lemon (tr. J. Nunez) Panel scratch (Stewards – vet's list) Refund \$57.40

#5 Coalinga Hills (tr. J. Uranga) Panel scratch (Stewards – works) Refund \$216.15

2nd Race #2 Elusive Virtue (tr. S. Naranjo) scratched (Vet-injured-Dr. Fitzgerald) Refund \$201.40

#6 Rosat (tr. S. Naranjo) scratched (Vet – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald) Refund \$228.05

5th Race #3 B D R Dragster (tr. A. Farias) Panel scratch (Stewards – works) Refund \$138.40

#5 Big Creek (tr. A. Farias) scratched (Vet – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald) Refund \$235.45

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	619	\$73,634.50
Off track	952	\$181,196.10
Out of state	N/A	\$1,093,649.42
Total	1,571	\$1,348,480.02

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 26, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 3 for injury, 1 for exhaustion, and 1 for EIPH. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were removed. This report was submitted by Steward Dave Nuesch.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 3/25	Sun 3/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			2	1	3	39
Disqualifications	K			0	1	1	4
Inquiries		D		0	1	1	5
Refunds		A		2	6	8	79
Rulings		Y		2	1	3	29
Voided Claims		S		0	1	1	6

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, David Nuesch, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

David Nuesch, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward